

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
LOK SABHA**

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FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT  
V. SAROJA

**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposed to boost the foreign direct investment in research & development in pharmaceutical sector ;
- (b) if so, the funds likely to be mobilized therefrom ;
- (c) whether there are some obstacles in bringing foreign direct investment in pharmaceutical sector ;
- (d) if so, the steps taken to resolve the same ; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefore ?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS)

(a) to (e) In order to promote foreign direct investment in the pharmaceutical sector, the Government has decided to permit up to 74% foreign equity under the automatic route.